

JULY-AUGUST, 1975 FOURSQUARE WORLD

# ADVANCE

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With this issue of the **ADVANCE**, we complete a year with our new format.

Last month 50,245 persons in the United States and Canada received the **ADVANCE**. Several hundred more around the world also received copies. How many read each issue we have no way of knowing. But, that's quite a family of readers.

We have some definite reasons for publishing the **ADVANCE**. Periodically through this year our editorial and advisory committees have reviewed our objectives.

First, we work to minister to the reader by showing God's confirmation of His Word as He works today to change individuals. We felt our new format helped us do this.

Next, we plan to carry and interpret the message of the Foursquare Church, and give examples of how this message is reaching and ministering to people around the world. For, the Church is people!

Third, we want to inform those who support the world-wide missionary program of the Foursquare Church of the progress God is allowing in home and foreign ministries. We are pleased to be able to pass on these good reports.

Our readers' letters to the editor have been tremendous. We're glad you like **ADVANCE**—that it

ministers to you—and we're glad when you tell us how we can improve it. We feel your burdens when you share them with us, and we rejoice over your victories.

We who put **ADVANCE** together each month wish we knew you who read it better. We're working on a plan for that to happen, too. Next month you'll find a Reader Survey sheet to fill in and return. Here's your chance to tell us what you especially like, what you wish were different, and what your constructive criticisms are. We're looking for your response!

It is no secret that printing costs have skyrocketed this past year. We heard much of the two-year shortage of paper, world-wide, and our printer had to inform us of paper price increases. Then, the church world shook when it heard the plans for non-profit postage rate increases.

Faithless men may have been stunned by such "obstacles." God gave our leaders faith to believe that God's work would prosper; that we should move ahead. And, we've just begun.

When "you out there" join with "us in here" to support the ministry God has given us to reach the world before Jesus' return, we know He is pleased. And, weren't we created to bring praise to Him?

Closing days of **Mount Vernon Bible College** spring semester were enriched by the visits of Rev. Kenneth Wright, speaker for the Deeper Life Seminar; missionaries the Ron Williams, UFW President Leona Williams, Pastor Jack Hayford, and Nicky Cruz, featured speaker for the College-For-A-Day program, which drew 1700 in attendance, and resulted in more than 100 decisions for Christ.

**Canadian LIFE** in Vancouver, B. C. ended its 1974-75 year with graduation speaker Rev. Barry McGaffin, and with anticipation of their new facilities which will be occupied this fall.

**LIFE Bible College** faculty members Sam Middlebrook, Donald McGregor, Nolan Steiner, Herman Rosenberger and Chuck Shoemaker are ministering in district summer camps.

**LIFE's** summer session classes

included a Bible geography study, earning enrollees three units by accompanying instructors on the study tour of Bible lands. This college's eight-voice Chorale ministers presently in northwest states and western Canada before the college official opening on August 18.

London, England is the site chosen for the September 28-October 2 **World Pentecostal Conference**, in 1976. Historic Royal Albert Hall will house the evening meetings, which build around the conference theme, "**The Spirit of Truth.**"

This copy of **ADVANCE** is the combined summer issue. Your next copy will not arrive until September.

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below the procedure for insuring your **ADVANCE** will reach you in September, without the post office charge for forwarding or returning your issue.

**Crescent City, Ca.** announces the completion of their new Christian education facility adjacent to the church... Apollo 15 Astronaut Jim Irwin ministered to the **Portland, Or.** congregation during which time he also presented Pastor Hamilton with a picture of his historic moon walk.

**Howard P. Courtney, Jr.** recently resigned his position as Executive Secretary in the office of the General Supervisor, a position he has held since 1958, to enter the field of court reporting with the United States District Court, in Los Angeles.

#### PRESENT WITH THE LORD

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## STATEMENT OF FAITH:

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This we believe . . .

. . . the Bible is the inspired Word of God.  
. . . God is triune — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
. . . that man fell through disobedience.  
. . . Christ died for us.  
. . . salvation is through grace.  
. . . in daily Christian life.  
. . . in baptism by immersion.  
. . . in the Lord's supper.  
. . . in the baptism with the Holy Spirit.  
. . . in divine healing.  
. . . that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal.  
. . . in the final judgment.  
. . . in heaven and hell.  
. . . that the church is responsible to evangelize all nations.  
. . . in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work.

### A GOOD MEMORY LESSON

Forget each kindness that you do  
As soon as you have done it;  
Forget the praise that falls to you  
The moment you have won it;  
Forget the slander that you hear  
Before you can repeat it;  
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer  
Wherever you may meet it.  
  
Remember kindness that is done  
To you whate'er its measure;  
Remember praise by others won  
And pass it on with pleasure;  
Remember every promise made  
And keep it to the letter;  
Remember those who lend you aid  
And be a grateful debtor.  
  
Remember all the happiness  
That comes your way in living;  
Forget each worry and distress,  
Be hopeful and forgiving;  
Remember good, remember truth,  
Remember heaven's above you;  
And you will find, through age and youth,  
That many hearts will love you.

by Heywood Skinner

## COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION BY TRANSFUSION:



Ten-year old Waynette needed 12 pints of blood during her open-heart surgery. They were waiting, primarily because of the efforts of the Dixon, Il. Foursquare Church.

When Pastor Mary Ewbanks heard of the tornado which tore through Illinois, and the flood which hit a northern California city, she wondered what and who would be available should such a disaster hit her city. And, she took steps to do something about it.

"I thought this sounded like a work of the Gospel, so I made arrangements for a Red Cross First Aid Class in our church. Nine completed that first course, and five of us went on to become instructors."

Since this initial thrust in 1969, 264 persons have been trained, including many civic leaders, policemen, firemen, a nurse, and even several teens.

But this was only the beginning. In 1971 a Red Cross blood program was instituted. The United Foursquare Women sponsored the first drive, which netted 100 pints. Since that time, 3,109 pints have been collected.

When the Lee County Red Cross and First Aid Committees needed leadership, they looked toward this congregation, and presently the chairperson of each of these groups is a member here.

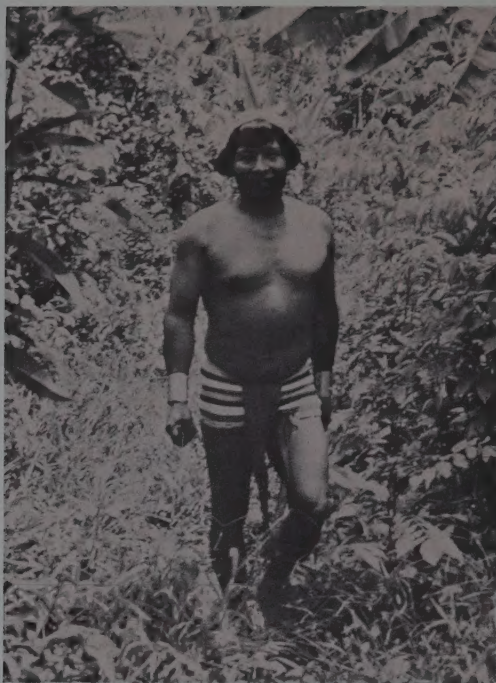
So when little Waynette needed blood, Mrs. Ewbanks says, "We were all glad we had helped in the blood program, and plenty was available."

"I've lost tract of the many, many people we've met through this, and the opportunities which God has given for witness. Some pastors relax by playing golf; I work for the Red Cross."



Waynette, age 10





When Jesus said, "Go tell that fox..." was He calling Herod an animal with a long nose, furry tail and pointed ears? Or, was He referring to the characteristics of that animal?

"The answer may be obvious to you," Missionary Translator Dick Scott smiles, "but to the Bible translator this is one example of the challenges which face him in translating the Scriptures into a new language.

"And, not only that, but what if the culture in which you work does not know what a fox is?"

Dick and Dian Scott first went to the Sambu village in the Darien Province of Panama in 1961, when God called them to the mission field. Their ministry was to create a written language for the Choco Indians, and then to translate the Scripture into this language.

"History assures us that a church cannot last without the written Word of God. The English-speaking church has an abundance of Bible translations, some literal, others free-flowing paraphrases. But, the Chocos are just one of the hundreds of tribes which have not even reduced their language into writing, let alone have a Bible in that language."

Two vital factors in any translation work are a good informant and a missionary. The missionary's responsibility is to know the Word, what it says and how to explain it to the informant who must determine the proper vocabulary to express it in his tongue.

The informant must have a background of the culture into which the Bible is to be translated, a good grasp of his language, and prefer-



## PANAMA:

*A fox may be a kuriwa, but a sheep is still a sheep.*

ably a common language with the missionary. He must possess a sharp mind, and be not so young that he is unacquainted with the old beliefs and legends of his people, but also not so old that he has problems grasping difficulties of grammar. This is no small order in any culture.

"God gave us an ideal informant in Jose Cabrera. His past life surely did not qualify him for this. He was a drunkard, owed bills, and was involved with witchcraft. But, God changed all of that when He saved and healed Jose. He so adequately fulfills the other basic requirements, along with his strong spiritual life, that he has been acclaimed by Bible society consultants and other translators as tops in his field.

"Almost immediately Jose seemed to grasp the significance of what we were doing in translating the Bible. And, he has worked hard."

Missionary Scott and his informant began their work in 1962. "It was both rewarding and at times discouraging. Hour after hour I asked Jose questions to discover grammar, rules, pronunciations. We labored over four years in linguistic work before the Bible translation was ever begun. We had to create a written language.

"Once the language was written, we developed some basic primers to teach the fundamentals of reading. What value is the Scripture in my language if I cannot read it?"

Working closely with the American Bible Society, Dick Scott and Jose progressed steadily on the translation work. "It took six years to





produce our first book, the Gospel of Mark. Hours went into discovering exactly how the portion of Scripture written in a culture of 2000 years ago could be adequately expressed in this primitive culture."

From Mark, efforts were directed to the history of the early church, to translating of the book of Acts, followed by the Gospel of John.

Although Scott now ministers from his Los Angeles office, the translation work continues. "Recently Jose traveled here from Sambu to work on John's Gospel. The more informed Jose can become of cultures outside his own, the better translator he is. Now at age 52—as best we can determine, since the Choco's recounting of time lacks the finesse of our culture—he has traveled extensively in Latin America, too, and therefore we have many more things in common."

While in Los Angeles they reviewed the work which was begun a few months earlier and began work on the remaining chapters. The manuscript is presently being typed for examination by Bible Society consultants. Plans are underway for beginning one of the epistles.

Recalling the incident of Jesus' illustration of the fox, the missionary recounts, "The Choco area does not have foxes, so there is no word for this in their language. We looked for an animal that would also have the characteristics which Jesus referred to—cunning, sly, clever. That animal is a *kuriwa*. Although we changed the name of the animal, we preserved the pure meaning of what the Scripture was saying."

While such translation principles work gen-

erally, Scott points out they cannot be carried to extremes. "Take the word 'sheep' for example. The Chocos do not know what a sheep is. But, what animal in their culture would be a close equivalent? An aligator? Tiger? Parrot?

"It wasn't long before we realized we were heading up a blind alley. To adapt this would eliminate a whole thread of truth which runs through the Bible 'the Lamb slain,' 'led as a sheep to the slaughter,' 'all we like sheep have gone astray,' and on and on.

"In such a case, we must opt to use the word 'sheep,' even borrowing it from Spanish. Then, we assume the job of teaching the Chocos what a sheep looks like and what its characteristics are."

Today, in Sambu, the Indians carry on the work without the assist of a resident missionary, an impossible ministry without at least some portion of God's Word in their language.

Excitedly, Dick Scott affirms, "You know, there is something quite 'magical' about the printed page. It is one thing to hear someone teach the Word, but quite another thing to be able to read it yourself. One might challenge, 'How do you know for sure?' But, when they see it written down, it is almost like hearing them say, 'This must be true; otherwise it wouldn't be written.'

"Not until you have heard the ooohs and aaahs of someone who hears the Word of God in his own language for the first time, can you fully appreciate what it means to have the Word in the language of your heart."



I thought I was a C.O., and that I would never serve in the military. My religious background of parochial schools, my sister as a nun, and the close contact with the church had left me in question about bearing arms, and all military service.

When my draft notice came in 1969, I sought help from the priest and campus draft counselors. Although deferred for several months—I was fighting it and was granted an interview for status of COship—I finally consented to serve, but to bear no arms.

During my basic training, and then later as I was transferred for further training as a medic, I began reading the Bible—something I had seldom done before. Maybe it was an act of desperation; I felt I was giving up all my convictions; what I thought was right.

I knew there was "Someone up there," but did not know God through Jesus. The sergeants kept saying, "You may be a C.O. now, but wait until you get onto the battlefield!"

By the end of our medic training many C.O.'s asked for separation papers; I chose to stay in. Even then, although the conflict was on, I really didn't think I'd go overseas. But, then I was on my way.

C.O.'s have no armament training. The shock of arriving in Vietnam and seeing the conflict was like an explosion—what I thought the Army was, and what it was turning out to be, was so different.

Most of my 12 months in Vietnam were with an infantry unit, in the thick of the battle. I had come to settle my own views on war, and I was seeing it—was a part of it.

It was not until after my discharge, when

someone began talking to me about Jesus, that I confessed Christ. When His Spirit showed me how much He had given me, I said, "If you've given me so much, from now on it's your show." I had such a release of guilt.

People ask if my views have changed since I became a Christian nine months ago. Some, yes, but not altogether. If I had to do it again, I would serve, but not bear arms. I am a C.O. to that extent. I'd go to do whatever I could to stop pain; to take away some of it, and to restore peace.

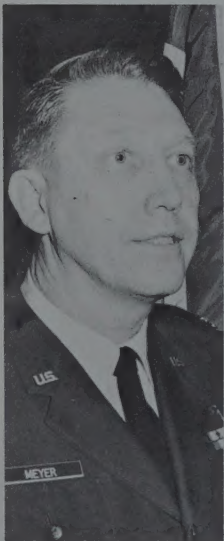
Today I can't see war as justified, but I don't criticize any man that feels it is a right cause. But, we have to understand the causes to the simplest state, and decide ultimately if a thing is right or wrong. God gives us that sense of right and wrong. We need to defend what is right.

And, we have to leave our whole life up to Him, and what He wants.

There are legitimate alternatives for a Christian. These options are open for him to pursue. If we think of God as having the ultimate authority, and if we submit to that authority, He works out where we are to go, and what we are to do.

In the case of military service, or whatever, if we seek God for His will, and the alternative doors do not open to us, we have to figure God does not want us in an alternative role. We submit ourselves to what He wants.

Yes, I'd serve again if called.



Some Christians have difficulty seeing Christ in uniform. They feel supporting anything in the military would be supporting a war effort. Obviously, I don't fully believe this.

As a chaplain, I have occasion to work with men who have conflict in this. Some eventually receive discharge; others are retrained to remain in the military.

One officer during the Vietnam conflict was flying a bomber. He was concerned, knowing that bombing killed children and others not connected with the military—possibly even other Christians.

At the same time, he was engaged to a girl who was a pacifist. He needed answers.

Finally, he felt he was not against others serving in this way, but that he should not. I wrote a letter concurring that he should be given a chance to be discharged. He was.

On another occasion a Catholic boy serving in the police security found Christ in a very

personal way. Confusion in using his weapon came. We talked a long time, and he decided to stay with the police and carry his weapon. He felt he could be a believer and still do this.

Our government has made provision for those who feel they cannot carry weapons. Often a man is cross trained into the medics, transportation, food services, radar—some of which may take him to the front lines, but not to carry a weapon.

One of the Air Force commands states that "peace is our profession." I don't think we can argue with those who are striving for peace.

In civilian life we have deterrent forces to protect the innocent. Local problems are handled by the police. When the problems get bigger within the state, we call the national guard. And, if it is a national problem, we call the military or armed forces.

But, some feel it is wrong to enter the military. Some feel it is wrong to eat meat, or to kill





**Bruce Westlund**

I dropped out of college in 1967, and was immediately reclassified I-A. I enlisted in the Army and was assigned to a Nikki Hercules Center.

About that time the first flux of Vietnam veterans were returning. The reports they had differed from what the news said. I decided to find out for myself, and volunteered for Vietnam.

The struggle really began then. As a supply sergeant I drove over the northern part of South Vietnam, and saw what war had done to a country and its people.

Trying to shut out the reality of this led me to rely on my own strength. I couldn't make it. The conflict within increased, until by the time I had finished my 20 months there, I knew I was a C.O. We had to carry a weapon, but I knew if it came to kill or be killed, I could not have fired; I could not have lived with myself.

As God began to again get my attention, my feelings intensified, and upon return to the States, I believed my convictions to be based on the Scripture, as it speaks to me.

Romans 13:1 tells us to support our leaders, and submit to those in authority over us. Jesus said to love your enemies and bless them that curse you. He rebuked Peter in the garden when he tried to use force. In I Peter 2, Peter takes an entirely different stand than in the garden.

War, or participating in an organization that is designed to use force, to me is in conflict with

the Word of God. Happily, our government has made provision for those who sincerely carry this view. They can declare themselves as C.O.'s

On August 2, 1972, about 9:15 in the morning, I received an honorable discharge after four years in the Army.

Some have asked me now, "What about serving in the military, but not carrying a weapon?" I could not. For those Christians who do this, I find no criticism. I do what the Spirit and my conscience tell me to do, and I pray for them.

There are the C.O. work programs—serving in military or veterans' hospitals, or in other non-military positions. Too, for a Christian, there are some courses not open. AWOL—absence without leave—is one. It is a thing of rebellion, and contrary to Bible teaching. In my opinion, fleeing to avoid service is also unbiblical.

But, I felt we cannot criticize those men who have taken these alternatives. We are not their judge, especially after what Christ has done for us!

And, the Bible has definite instructions to the Christian about his responsibility to his nation. We are to submit to higher authority because they are ordained of God, according to Romans 13. And, we have specific command in II Chronicles 7:14 to pray and intercede for our nation.

**SUMMER FORUM:** *Three panelists discuss with ADVANCE*

## What is the Christian Posture Toward War?

animals. And, of course, Jesus does not want us to kill indiscriminately; I personally would hesitate to shoot unless it were in self-defense, and then not shoot to kill.

I remember the historic record of the Jews shortly after Jesus' time. Because their enemies knew they would not fight on the sabbath, they would surround the Jews on Friday, and then slaughter them the next day.

If we lived in a world that was God-fearing, we would be able to take this pacifistic position, but we are called to a practical position, too. We live in a world of disturbed people, and need a force to protect them and others.

Many of the men who have fled the country or gone AWOL did not realize the alternatives. Their quick exit was often without clear thinking, or as a result of group influence and pressure. If we punish these for doing something because of instability and unclear thinking, we are defeating our purpose.

I suppose some parents could say, "My boy fought and was killed. He took the place of one who just left the country."

I do agree that these men will feel better when given an opportunity to do something worth-while. It's like giving a person a high school diploma simply because he is 18. They need incentive to appreciate and value their freedom. From giving of themselves to something of worth, substance, or time, they have a chance to feel they have contributed to the society they are seeking to return to. Not to do this could bring a sense of guilt.

While I can feel for men who feel they cannot serve in the military, I know God has called me to be a military chaplain. This position has opened many opportunities for ministry, none of which I feel is in conflict with the Scriptures.

**Chaplain John Meyer**



**B**ring your own lawn chair, sit in the grove of maple trees, relax and enjoy our time of worship.

With an invitation like that, it is no wonder more than 1,000 persons may join Pastor James Houpt and the Muir, Pennsylvania congregation for their "Summer Sundays at Sunset" in Evangel Park.

Muir, Pennsylvania is a mining town situated on the eastern end of a valley where two mountain ranges meet; one of the many small mining communities which sprang up when coal was important to our nation.

Of its population of 500—3,000 persons living in the total township—400 of them attend the Muir Foursquare Church on any Sunday.

"In the eight years we have been in Muir, we can only say, 'Thanks be to God,'" Pastor James Houpt rejoices. "We had a solid foundation upon which to build and God has done the rest."

When pioneer pastor Rev. Eugene Kurtz first arrived in 1953, he approached a man about the use of his building for a church. Mr. Miller stated that God had spoken to him about a man that would come to use the building, and Rev. Kurtz fit the description.

From the 20 persons who attended this first meeting, the church grew quickly to a congregation of 270 in 1960. Ten years later the present church, which seats 400 and houses radio broadcast facilities, was completed.

Capitalizing on the community spirit and identity of this small mining town, and Rev. Houpt's God-given drama and art ability, this church has moved into the township through a multitude of ministries.

"Our location does not attract many outsiders, and least of all entertainment and cultural events. So, we felt our church could provide some of this along with the Gospel.

"Eight years ago we presented our first full-stage production, with music and lighting, in the local high school. These programs have grown with the years.

"Our July patriotic productions have received state-wide recognition. We thank God for the witness it has presented, and of course, rejoice over the Citation from the state House of Representatives presented for our 1969 "Calvacade of Freedom" patriotic rally.

"These black light spectaculars have seemed to capture the community. Presently we're working on a bicentennial program, 'Celebrate America.'"

While Muir's unique location may shelter it from some metropolitan influences, its people face the very real problems of 1975. Barbara's life reflects this.

"When I came to Rev. Houpt about my bro-



ken marriage, his answer was not what I had in mind. He told me I needed to be reborn; that Jesus was the Way. I received this, and the reality of His answer flooded my life.

"Now, I'm at peace. I can face the future without worry because I've handed it over to Jesus. And, an added blessing, our marriage is mended."

Realization of another opportunity for meeting such needs came when in 1968 invitation came to this church for a radio ministry.

"We were thrilled! Our Thursday evening "Quiet Time" is a devotional hour. The Sunday morning "Foursquare Gospel Hour" with a listening audience estimated at 500,000, is carried

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on four different stations, reaching into four states.

"During 'Intercession Time' our congregation agrees together for the scores who write, many of whom are shut-ins or unconverted. They have a deep prayer ministry."

This congregation also agreed with Pastor and Mrs. Houpt when their own son became seriously ill.

"About a year ago, Kris showed signs of physical and emotional stress. When the diagnosis finally came—nephrosis of the kidney—he was hospitalized for many weeks. This was a sobering situation for our family.

"The church went to prayer for him. Kris

often came to us, too, for prayer and strength. We see that God used this to bring about a stronger spiritual relationship between us all.

"Now we continue to rejoice. Kris has been given a clean bill of health by Philadelphia's famed Children's Hospital."

When Muir's "Summer Sundays at Sunset" outgrew the local park, God opened the way for purchase of a 10-acre campground three years ago.

"We renamed this private camp "Evangel Park" and dedicated it for Christian camping.

"Located just on the edge of our town, Evangel Park is becoming a community fellowship spot. During the summer months we take our Sunday evening services there, and invite special guests to minister. It has been an exciting ministry and one we plan to continue."

The park is also used for week-long children's camps, laymen's retreats, institutes and, of course, the old-fashioned camp meetings.

Ever looking for further ministry, the church maintains a book table at the local Friday night Farmer's Market. "Our closest major shopping center is 25 miles away. From our small bookstore at the church, we bring good reading material to the market, and have found people very interested.

"The employer of one of our men received Christ there one evening. He's just one of scores that have learned about Jesus here."

This church's vision reaches beyond Muir. Four scholarships are presented annually to Mount Vernon Bible College, three orphans supported in the Ecuador Houses of Happiness, and the foreign missions budget of this church currently exceeds \$10,000.

"And, more than 200 persons received Jesus Christ as Savior last year."

But, Muir isn't finished yet. Recognizing the need to reach children, this church is finalizing plans to open its Christian day school this fall.

"We're grateful for the young people in our church who came to know Christ early. One of our teens said, 'My life would probably be considered very dull. I have never been a drug addict or an alcoholic, and I am glad. To me, it has been very exciting having the Lord as my personal Friend.' We believe God can keep His children from broken lives. We want to touch them early."

Just how Muir will move next to reach others is uncertain, but one senses it will continue to penetrate this unique Pennsylvania community. Recently Rev. Houpt reminded his congregation, "Jesus always identified Himself with human needs. He touched people, lifted them, spoke to them, gave purpose and hope to their lives.

"Let's commit ourselves to our community to be like Jesus."



## PEOPLE:

A goal-less generation? These three youth don't fit that category. *ADVANCE* presents a youth composite as this month's personality sketch.

### LAURA EVERETT

"One Sunday morning I marched into the studio of radio station WJER with a stack of my own records, and told the program director this was the type of gospel music I thought they should play over this station. He asked me if I wanted the job."

Thus began the radio career of Laura Everett, disc jockey for the Dover-New Philadelphia station.

It was after Laura attended several quartet

concerts and conventions that she became excited about gospel music. "Was I naive! I am basically a very shy person, and I knew nothing about radio work. When the program director, who just 'happened' to be there that morning, asked if I'd like to spin some of my own records the next week, I said, 'Sure,' not realizing all that entailed."

It wasn't until after she had passed her 20th birthday that Laura really committed her life to



### DUANE GOMEZ

"Running with God," is what Duane Gomez sites as his great joy.

"When I run, I have fellowship with God, my Heavenly Father. Some people pray in their room; I pray when I run. I find strength in praising the Lord when I run."

Duane graduated from his Salisbury, North Carolina high school with records in the mile run, 880 yard dash, and mile relay. Three of these years he was named to all-city, all-country, and all-conference and during 1970-71 participated in the National Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics. With this bright future, Duane chose Mt. Vernon

### SHARON PARKER

"Steven Brown, do you know what you are? You're a 'pizza maker!'"

Well, almost anyway. Four-year old Janis shared her playdough with Steven and in return he let her have a turn on the tricycle. The teacher had said, "God calls those who are thoughtful, who share, and play nicely with other, 'peace makers.'"

An understandable error, and source of rejoicing for Sharon Parker, 20-year-old founder of the *Happy Hearts Nursery School* in Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada.

"I believe God can work in a very young heart and shape that individual for lifetime service with Him."

This philosophy, plus the deep love for chil-

dren, prompted Sharon to open *Happy Hearts School* in the basement of the Owen Sound Foursquare Church, pastored by her parents.

"When I finished high school, I prayed seriously about my future. My interest in orphanages was broadened, when the Lord showed me "orphans" in our community who often receive little attention from their too-busy parents. I realized the need for "spiritual parents" who would spend time loving, living, giving and guiding a child to Christ—people through whom the child could come face to face with the love of Jesus."

The early childhood course at Mohawk College prepared Sharon in basic education for pre-schoolers, but "because it was not a Christian college, some of the ideas had to be reevaluated with God's Word. The children's evangelism course at Mt. Vernon Bible College





Christ. "My folks are wonderful Christians, but, the last thing I wanted to be was 'holy,' or be tagged as a 'holy roller.' I didn't like the image.

In the spring of 1971 Laura made a total commitment to Christ. "After I was saved, I wondered, 'Now what can I do to have fun?' God took care of that.

"Our program is basically southern gospel music, with some contemporary, such as Andre

Crouch (I think he's great!). I try to use some young sound, too. The basic purpose of the program is to bring the beautiful story of Jesus to listeners.

"I use music that is very Bible based, with a real message. Words are very important to me. Often, as I prepare, I find myself weeping as I become so aware how the Holy Spirit is helping me select the music."

Last summer when Laura wanted to quit, "Satan tried to make me think I was wasting my time," God intervened. A month-long leave to recuperate from appendicitis gave Laura time to think, and God a chance to work. The "Gospel Singtime" was not programmed during this leave, but the station invited her back.

"There is a ministry in good gospel music. In the three years we have broadcast, the response has been good. Our program is simple—child-like—because I feel that is the way the Gospel works."

Bible College because "I felt the desire to go into a full-time Christian work."

Now completing his junior year at MVBC, Duane still finds many opportunities for running. A year ago, he placed first in the nation in the National Little College Athletic Association, breaking the record for the 2.5 mile run.

His 12th place finish in the 26.2 mile marathon, competing with 104 runners from across the nation, with a speed of three hours, 18 minutes, won him a berth in the 1975 Boston Marathon, to compete with nearly 2,000 runners.

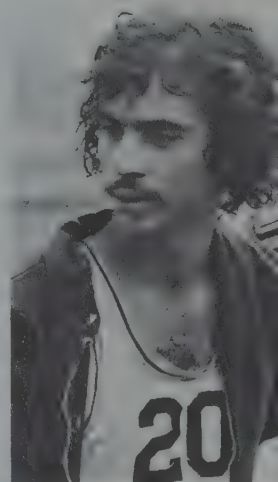
Other honors include the NLCAA record for the two and one-half mile cross country.

To keep in shape during the winter, Duane runs in AAU meets and road races, and was sponsored by friends in the 20 mile trek for the National Retarded Fund.

Whatever promise the athletic field may hold, Duane Gomez has other goals. "Running with God; that's where it is. My goals in running are to be successful. I do my part and God does His. I push for that extra mile, or last lap. When I'm totally exhausted and ready to collapse, I am conscious He lifts me up.

"Running is a unique experience. As I run through the forest, down the highway, or even out under the stars, I sense and experience God in His nature. I talk with Him, because He is right there with me.

"But my goal in life is to serve Christ. Running has given me great opportunity for witness; it has enabled me to talk with people I'd have never met otherwise. Running is fun; exciting, but He is my first love, and He seems to be directing me to a career in Christian writing."



last summer provided Biblical instruction, too."

"I felt the whole child was not being reached. I knew much of the children's problem behavior could be changed, but not through a psychology method—that had been tried. We needed to meet the child's basic need for Christ.

A casual observer may feel that most of the children's time at Happy Heart is spent in play. Sharon explains, "This age learns much about themselves, others, and the world around them through the experience of play.

"Their Christian training should not be relegated to the "Sunday corner." Play and learning are not separate, but combine to develop the whole child.

"I have seen very young children with hate in their eyes," Sharon says painfully. "But Christ is the healer of a life hurt and broken by sin, no matter what the age."



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

"If there is a God and if you can heal like this man says, heal me now," was the prayer of a lady in a town about 20 miles from Managua, **Nicaragua**.

For more than three years this woman had suffered from ulcers. As the missionary evangelist told radio listeners to place their hand on the radio and pray, she did not know how to pray. God heard her simple plea and healed her.

When she shared this with her husband, he insisted she return to the doctor for a second examination and X-rays. All were negative; her ulcers were gone. Two days later as she listened to the broadcasts, she accepted Christ as Savior.

The radio ministry was a part of the 15-day open-air meeting held in this capitol city, on the new property purchased to relocate the building devastated in the 1972 killer earthquake.

Missionary Dean Truett and Hondurian evangelist Tomas Portillo spoke nightly, assisted by resident missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. James Walker and missionary assist Rick Wood, and during the April campaign crowds grew to more than 820, with 191

persons confessing Christ as Savior, and many, many healed.

Permits are being secured and plans finalized to erect the new church building.

Evangelist **Sam Oppenheim** reports 462 decisions for Christ and 236 persons baptized with the Spirit in the first 10 weeks of his Latin American ministry. Recent meetings in Chile have seen an outstanding move of the Spirit during these cold winter months.

The National Board of the Foursquare Church in **Venezuela**, recently met to draw up a 10-year plan for reaching their nation. Presently 23 churches dot Venezuela.

The evangelistic vision of the Maracaibo church is bearing much fruit. A new church, the result of an evangelistic campaign held by this church's pastor, has begun in Laquillas. In Camp Maca, when the daughter of the theater owner whose building was being used for the meeting received Christ, her father openly rebelled against the gospel. As the meeting continued, the Spirit softened his heart and he received Christ as Savior, too. This man has given land for a new church in that city.

The cry from **El Salvador** is "Pray that the Lord of harvest will send us workers who are truly called."

One lay pastor in a pioneer church recently abandoned his church to go back to secular work. This church in the little town had to be closed for lack of workers.

But, God is also moving on hearts. In Zacatocoluca, a large city near San Salvador, a petition to start a new church was received. God has called a young couple to start this work.

In the recent convention six

persons received Christ as Savior.

Exploit '80/800 is the challenge of the National Board to the **Philippine** Foursquare Church. Using Daniel 11:32, "...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits," the challenge came to have 800 churches by 1980.

This five-year plan, which calls for about a 21 percent increase each year, was caught by the church as many doors are opening for the gospel there.



Philippine Cadets were honored by promotion in an Advance Ceremony including the East Visayas District Conference in Cebu City. Pastors to the conference were challenged to reach the multitudes of children who need to know Christ before their lives are deeply entangled with sin.

His only clothing was the true native dress—a bark cloth type of skirt. It was very dirty and covered with pig grease. He wore a bone through a hole in his nostrils. On top of his dirty, greasy, bushy hair was an old string bag which held his belongings.

Tears streamed down the face of this elderly **New Guinea** native, as he moved to kneel with the others in response to the altar call. He realized he was a sinner searching for a Savior.

While the Christian workers were counseling with those





who had come forward, the old man cried out in the dialect of his village, *"For years I didn't hear of Jesus and the need for salvation. Tonight I have heard and now I want Jesus to forgive me and come into my heart."*

The next morning the elderly gentleman returned to the service. He had removed the bone he had worn in his nose. When he came the next evening they did not recognize him. He had cut and washed his hair and was wearing clean clothes.

The two workers asked if they could buy his nose bone, but he said he had burned it along with his dirty bark skirt. When the missionary asked if she could buy his lime pot as a souvenir, he replied he needed it.

Metikau, the native pastor, explained to the new convert that his habit of chewing beetle nut and lime was one of the 'old things' which had to 'pass away.' When he realized this, he gladly gave the lime pot to the missionary.

On the following Sunday morning this man, and 22 others, were baptized in water.

News spread rapidly throughout the Aguacate region, near Lake Gatun, in **Panama** that the "Tiger of Aguacate" had been fatally wounded. This man, long hated and feared by all, virtually owned all lands near the village. He ruled his domain with an iron fist, instilling fear in many by using the side-arms he carried on anyone who dared cross him.

Standing nearly head and shoulders above most of his fellow Panamanians, just a glimpse of this rough man made one fear.

Neighboring cattle men came from miles away to purchase their hard liquors at Alcides Cortes' home, the local liquor dispensary. Often in these times drinking bouts and dances erupted into mob fights, of

which the "Tiger" was often a part.

To operate his own large cattle ranch, Alcides rode into other communities to purchase new animals. One place which he by-passed if possible was the village of Vino Tinto, for in this village lived Bernarda de Santa Maria, a Foursquare pastor. Because she also had a large cattle herd, she dealt often with the "Tiger" and always talked with him about his soul. He came under heavy spiritual conviction at these times, and tried tenaciously to avoid such encounters.

During a local festival organized by the "Tiger," an argument over the rooster fight flared into a dual. Now, the "Tiger," viciously stabbed with a dagger in the abdominal area and left badly wounded, was rushed to the hospital.

In his weakened condition, "Tiger" called out, "Oh, Lord, if you'll just save my life for the sake of my wife and family, I'll give myself to the God of the evangelicals." The next morning as the doctors hovered near his bed in special consultation, he overheard one remark, "And, just to think this man is still alive!"

As Alcides Cortes recovered, he was released from the hospital. Some weeks later he learned that Rev. Gilberto Alvarado, the Foursquare District Supervisor, was to be in his town for special meetings. Alcides attended the service and responded to receive Christ as Savior. In spite of the peace in his soul, Alcides soon encountered dispute from friends and family.

The change in his life was apparent at once. His mother became angry. Known as the "Tigress of Aguacate" she warned him he would lose his money for "throwing in with those Evangelicals." As she argued she noticed the serenity about her son. That evening she attended the evangelistic meeting and received Christ.

Since his abrupt change of

heart and life, now three years ago, this "Tiger" has been tamed by the Spirit of God. Instead of the sharp, cursings which "spew" from this man, now Alcides radiates joy from a peaceful face, and with arms lifted in praises.

The ugly scars of the dagger remain, and often his old cronies tempt him to return to his lucrative vices, but he remembers his promise to God and continues to attend and serve in his country church at Aguacate.

Witchcraft is still prevalent in **South Africa**. The unenlightened African believes that disease is due to the spells of an enemy. The witch-doctor will "smell out" the offended for a fee, and the witch must be killed in order to release the victim from the evil spell.

Most homes have at one time been touched by these heathen practices. But, out of all of this, God has brought forth a people who rejoice in the risen Christ.

Missionaries Lewis and Arlene Ziegler in South Africa recount the outstanding spring convention and the many who came to know Christ this past year. Their signature is preceded by an account of their vision: "Yet we face a greater challenge than ever before. There remain so many lost without Christ."







## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WEEK:

# *In Wisdom, In Stature, In Favor...*

*An Interview with Dan Ussery*

Q: What is the mood of youth today?

A: Youth are still looking for answers although not in the same manner they were during the 60's or early 70's. Today's young people are inquiring after truth on a personal, individual basis. Rather than focusing only on intellectual or social issues, they are seeking practical answers to mental, physical, spiritual and social needs.

The life of Jesus in Luke 2:52 exemplifies a pattern of growth, which will meet those needs. *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."* Our goal is to help establish growth in each of these areas, resulting in strong, fully developed Christians.

Q: How can this happen?

A: Our total concept of youth programming has been geared towards achieving this growth. One of our major objectives is to make resources—people and materials—available to the local church to help it meet the needs of youth on a personal level.

International Youth Week, to be observed September 22-28 in Foursquare Churches, will focus attention on the local church's ministry to and through youth. It will also help acquaint the community with the concern of the church for the teens of that area.

Through resources which the International Youth Office has prepared, the church is aided in planning a full range of activities. There are posters for advertising, a syllabus for teaching teens how to "Grow In Jesus"—by the way, that's the theme for the week—and materials for developing retreats, socials, projects, and services to involve young people. The church is encouraged to select the activity, or activities, they feel will best meet the needs of their youth, and best achieve the goals of the Youth Week.

Q: What special tie in does September 28, Foursquare Youth Sunday, have?

A: God is beginning to unveil a bold vision for the future of Foursquare youth. Each young person in a local church is a part of this, and on this Sunday—whether the church has participated in the Youth Week activities or not—pastors are encouraged to challenge the youth with their responsibility as Christians to become more like Jesus.

The adults of the congregation should also be aware of their responsibility as examples and teachers of youth.

Youth Sunday will give opportunity for teens to minister through the talents God has blessed them with.

A secondary emphasis that day is the total International Youth program. Each Foursquare church in the U.S. and Canada will be asked to participate in a special offering that day to help support new avenues of youth ministry opening up on the international level. One such activity and ministry is the proposed International Youth Leadership Congress in 1976.

It's my hope that International Youth Week will become an integral part of each church's yearly calendar. The results of such a celebration will carry over into the year-long youth ministry of the church, and make it stronger and more effective.

My prayer for the youth of our churches is the same as Paul's in Ephesians 3:16-19, *"That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man:*

*"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, . . . might be filled with all the fullness of God."*

## THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM:

(In his advice to the council regarding the disciples), Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

Gamaliel  
The Bible  
Acts 5:38, 39

When a religion is good, I conceive it will support itself; and when it does not support itself, and God does not take care to support it so that its professors are obliged to call for help of the civil power, 'tis a sign, I apprehend, of its being a bad one.

Benjamin Franklin

God is sufficiently powerful to do His own business.

Gouverneur Morris



# RAYMOND COX:

## *current & events*

## *comments*

"Rapture Fever" is infecting September 6, 1975. A book, "Get All Excited, Jesus is Coming," suggests strongly this date. I am excited about prospects for the Parousia, but not excited enough to fall for unscriptural guesswork!

September 6, 1975 isn't the first date suggested for the Second Coming. I remember vividly September 10, 1936. Pyramidologists had measured passages at Giza and pontificated that date. I well recall Charles Walkem and Thompson Eade scoffing at the idea. "Jesus didn't say, 'Search the pyramids,'" they cautioned, "but 'search the Scriptures!'" Jesus did not fulfill I Thessalonians 4:16-17 on September 10, 1936. The fact is unmistakable that everybody who ever guessed a date guessed wrong—everybody!

To be sure, the author of the above named book avoids absolutely setting a date. He says he is not setting one. But he proceeds nevertheless to marshal data and arguments to support September 6. He seems to employ a device popular with eternal security people who dismiss every passage urged against their position as not pertaining to the issue at hand. So the author attributes to the epiphany or revelation rather than to the rapture, Jesus' repudiation in Matthew 24:36 of personal knowledge concerning the day nor the

hour. But Matthew 24:42 and 44 almost have to pertain to the rapture: "Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. . . . Therefore, be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." If Christ is coming for His church in the rapture first, then with His church in the revelation, already raptured believers would be ready without effort for participation in the eventual epiphany! Watching and readiness can be cultivated for the preliminary event only—the rapture. That will happen when we know not and think not—which means no amount of study of calculation or investigation can unveil the date!

Partisans of September 6 do marshal convincing considerations, but their propaganda virtually guarantees that such will not be the occasion. Moreover, no signs, or coincidences, or circumstances are necessary to program the event.

William-Pettingill lectured earnestly that no prophecies or signs remain to be fulfilled before the rapture. Jesus could come at any moment. At the close of class he tested the students to see if they got the message: "Can anyone here name any sign which must precede Christ's return?" The professor scowled when a man in the back lifted a hand to volunteer an answer. In disgust Pettingill demanded, "Well, what is the sign?" The pupil answered, "The shout." Pettingill relaxed. That's the only sign needed, and it will sound in due time.

Christ's coming is so soon we need to stop looking for signs and start listening for sounds! Jesus could come before September 6. If He doesn't, we must still occupy 'till He comes!



## LETTERS:

I wish, in this letter, to express concern for the small, struggling churches within the Foursquare organization. Much is heard of the larger, prosperous churches, but the small ones, that really need prayer and support, seem to be kept out of sight.

I've attended a small Foursquare church for about six years and have been very pleased with their scripture-gearred doctrines, God-fearing pastors, high standards, and most of all, the exaltation of Jesus Christ.

However, within these six years this church has seen three different pastors who have all been laden down beyond what should be required of any man. These men were all called of God to minister through the Word and prayer (Acts 6:2-4), but find themselves necessarily becoming Jack-of-all-trades pastors because the church doesn't have enough people.

I guess what I'm saying is that I'd like to remind everyone to remember the little church in their prayers. Pray that we, the congregation members, would realize our positions, responsibilities, and privileges in the Lord, that we would all realize that we are members of the Body of Christ and have a job to do that no one else can. Pray that our pastors can be fully supported by the church and will no longer have to work on the side. Pray that our pastors would be strengthened and refreshed in the Lord from day to day, for money's not available to send them to conventions, conferences, etc. Pray that we, too, might be a light within the community.

I know this is too long to put in the ADVANCE, but I hope you'll remind the people of the various churches to pray for us. We want to be successful for the Lord, and thank you for helping us bear the burden.

Duluth, Minn.

C.T.





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